

Weare Heritage Commission  
MINUTES  
October 22, 2008

In attendance: Chairperson Tanya Kress, Vice Chairperson Meg Malette, Heleen Kurk, and George Malette. Secretary Natacha Villamia Sochat and was absent.

The September 24, 2008, minutes were reviewed by the commission. There was one change. With regard to the Weare Historical Society, replace “annual” with “potluck.” George made a motion to approve the minutes. Meg seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Weare Historical Society (WHS) Presentation**

- Presentation to be made at the next WHS board meeting
- Bring a copy of the town wide area survey form to show the board members
- Mention other towns that have done the survey
- Mention what these towns have done after the survey
- Purchase survey from Hollis to show WHS board members
- How much did Hollis’ survey cost
- How will the Weare Heritage Commission use the WHS funds
- Next WHS board meeting is on Wednesday, December 3, 2008, @ 7 P.M. in the Sawyer Room of Weare’s library.

**John Stark Scenic Byway (JSSB)**

- George will ask WHS for an inventory of historical buildings, which they have been compiling for the JSSB

**WHC Informational Brochure**

Tanya distributed a draft of the WHC informational brochure for everyone to review. George recommended the Weare Town Hall be on the cover and Clinton Grove in the centerfold with the mission statement underneath. Heleen Kurk recently took pictures of a cellar hole in Weare and will be emailing the photo to Tanya to include in the brochure as an excellent example of other historical sites.

**WHC Budget**

George passed out a copy of the budget for the commission, totaling \$500.

**WHC Expenditures**

George asked the board if the commission should be a member of any educational associations. Tanya said becoming a member of the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance would be worthwhile.

**Establishing Weare as a Certified Local Government (CLG)**

- Establish a Heritage Commission
- Complete a town wide survey
- Demonstrate the protection of historical resources
- Name an advisory board or overseer of historic districts

- Create regulations for historic districts

#### **Steps to Take to Establish a CLG in Order to Receive Grants**

- Tanya to contact Fred Vantresco about becoming a CLG inform him of:
  - What is a CLG
  - What is the process of becoming a CLG
  - Why the town should become a CLG
  - What is a CLG going to do for the town
  - Are there any expenses to the town with regard to becoming a CLG
  - How the WHC can assist the town to become a CLG

#### **November WHC Meeting**

At the November 2008 WHC meeting, it was discussed that Tanya should probably do a mock presentation of the benefits of Weare becoming a CLG. Meg, Heleen, George, and Natacha will ask questions of Tanya. This will help Tanya prepare for her presentations to the Weare Planning Board and Weare Selectmen. Prior to Tanya's presentation to the Planning Board and Selectmen, information on CLG's should be sent to them for review.

The next meeting is on November 19, 2008, beginning at 7 P.M. at the Weare town office building. Heleen Kurk made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 P.M. and seconded by George Malette.

Respectfully submitted,

*Meg Malette*

Meg Malette, Vice Chairperson